

REMARKS

Claims 1-58 are pending. Claims 54-58 have been withdrawn pursuant to the restriction requirement.

Claims 6, 42, and 53 have been amended to be made clearer. Support for the simultaneous triggering of the free game round for a plurality of gaming machines is found at page 1, line 25, and page 5, line 14.

The examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney if there are any questions at 408-382-0480 x202.

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